May 5, 2026

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The end of the school year is fast approaching. I'd like to share some important information regarding graduation.

COMMENCEMENT

Graduation will take place on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts in Katonah and begins at 3:00pm. John Jay High School works with *The Commencement Group* to offer families of graduates a chance to **pre-order gifts for their graduating senior**. Flowers, t-shirts, teddy bears, and necklaces will be on sale from now through the day of graduation. If you would rather make a purchase on the day of graduation there will be a table set-up at Caramoor. To pre-order gifts, please visit the link here. See next page.

Before seniors are allowed to pick up their cap and gown, yearbook, graduation tickets, and graduation photography information, all school belongings must be returned**. This includes school-issued laptops/iPads and chargers, library books, sports uniforms, textbooks, and any other supplies issued by the district. If your child is unable to return any missing items, they will either need to replace it or pay an equivalent amount of money to the district.

Beginning Friday, June 5th through Wednesday, June 10th, seniors are required to pick-up caps/gowns, graduation tickets, and yearbooks (if available). Pick-up time is from 9:30 am to 2:00pm and the location is at the front visitor entrance of the high school.

Each graduating senior will be granted 4 tickets to the graduation ceremony. Each ticket has a personalized barcode. *Photocopies and/or duplicates of these tickets will not be accepted*. Students will receive their tickets at the same time as caps and gowns. See next page for optional photography information. Should you need additional tickets, please email Miss Muschio at the email below as soon as you know. There is a limited number of tickets, and there is no guarantee that you will receive the additional tickets. Your name will be placed on a waiting list and should the tickets become available, Miss Muschio will reach out to you.

A MANDATORY Graduation Rehearsal will take place at the high school on Wednesday, June 10, 2025, at 10:00am. Seniors are to report to the auditorium. After the rehearsal, students are strongly encouraged to pick up their end-of-year items if not already done so. The Senior Internship Experience (SIE) Fair will take place later the same day.

Itinerary:

- Students will be expected to arrive at Caramoor at 2:15pm on the day of graduation. Students are to report to the back of the graduation tent where they must check-in with their line leader for attendance and find their row number. *Row numbers will be shared during the mandatory graduation rehearsal.*
- Guests can order gifts for their graduate before entering the tent at 2:15pm. *Please have your tickets ready and visible.*
- The ceremony begins at 3:00pm. During the ceremony, graduates will receive their diploma cover upon shaking hands with the principal. After the ceremony, graduates MUST pick up their diploma at the designated table.

We are excited to share that this year graduation will be livestreamed via Zoom. Please click here to join the webinar.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by email at nmuschio@klschools.org. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Miss Nicole Muschio
Senior Class Advisor

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- Island Photography will be taking photos of each graduating senior. You may choose to order packages of photos. This is not a requirement. To do this, please scan the QR code or click the link here.

